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Harford County Government Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Titanic Tragedy

*Raises White Star Lines Flag at County Government Administration Building
To Honor Passengers and Crew of the R.M.S. Titanic*

(Bel Air, MD) - - A replica flag of the White Star Lines, the company which operated the R. M. S. Titanic, along with two other Olympic class ocean liners, has been hoisted on a flag pole in front of the Harford County Government Administration Building in Bel Air. The flag was raised in memory and honor of the 100th anniversary of the maiden voyage and subsequent sinking of the Titanic.

The luxury liner, which struck an iceberg and sank, set sail on April 10, 1912 and slipped to a watery grave in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912. The sinking of the Titanic resulted in the deaths of 1,514 passengers and crew members, in one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in history.

The Titanic was built between 1909 and 1911 by the Harland and Wolff Shipyard in Belfast, Ireland. The ship carried 2,224 crew members and passengers.

The White Star Lines flag will fly over the County Administration Building for five days as a tribute to the R.M.S. Titanic and those who lost their lives at sea 100 years ago this week.

"This week we take time to reflect on one of the world's most infamous disaster, the sinking of what was believed to be an unsinkable ship," stated County Executive David R. Craig. "The Titanic was in many ways a perfect reflection of society at that time. May the world never forget the terrible lessons learned as a result of the loss of the Titanic," Craig remarked.

The White Star Lines flag was donated by a local citizen.

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